

## REMARKS

Applicants submit this response following a decision from the Board of Patent Appeals affirming in part and reversing in part a final rejection made by the Examiner. Applicants submit this response to cancel the claims on which the Examiner's rejection was affirmed.

Claims 1-17, 26-41, 50 and 51 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8, 26-32, and 50 remain pending following entry of this response. The Board reversed the rejection made by the Examiner for all of the currently pending claims. Accordingly, Applicants believe the case is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of same.

### Conclusion

If the Examiner believes any issues remain that prevent this application from going to issue, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to contact Gero McClellan, attorney of record, at (336) 643-3065, to discuss strategies for moving prosecution forward toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted, and  
**S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,**

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